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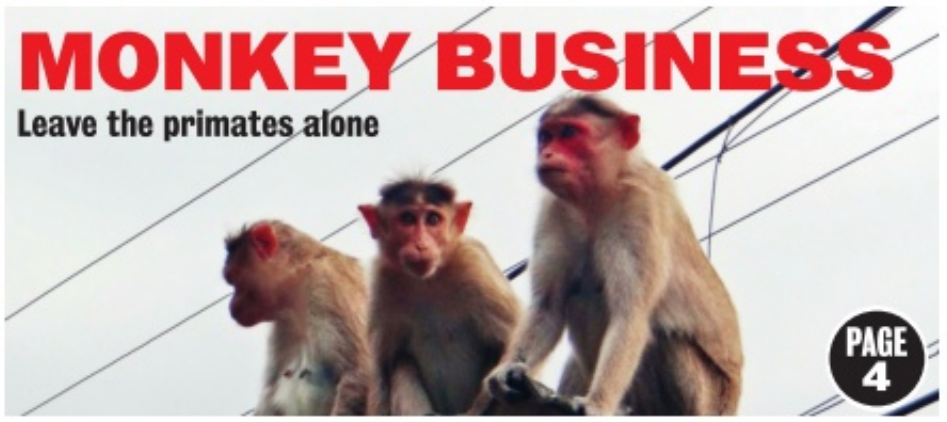

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Parties hunt for personal info

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Over last 5 years 778+ hectares of forest land diverted for projects such as mining and quarrying, roads, railways, transmission lines

THE JUNGLE CROOK

Nearly 70% more land diverted to non-forestry use this year as compared to last

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Between April 2022 and March 2023, Karnataka diverted nearly 102 hectares of forest land for non-forestry purposes. This is nearly 70% more than the land diverted for non-forestry purposes last year. From April 2021 to March 2022, only 60.45 hectares of forest land was diverted across the state.

Over the last five years, over 778 hectares have been diverted for various projects such as mining and quarrying, road, railways, transmission lines, and irrigation.

Data from Karnataka Forest Department shows that in 2018-19, as many as 137 hectares were diverted, which went on to be 36.31 hectares in 2019-20, 442.27 hectares in 2020-21, 60.48 hectares in 2021-22, and 101.8 hectares in 2022-23.

Ecologists and experts say diverting even a single inch of forest land is criminal looking at the ongoing climate crisis. Redirecting more and more forest patches will only degrade the ecology and biodiversity of the area. According to Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for

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"Given the climate crisis, every inch of the forest must be saved. The forest department must put its foot down even if there is bureaucratic pressure

— Joseph Hoover, president, United Conservation Movement

Cyber crime conundrum

Police only chase big financial frauds; experts say lack of technical knowledge is hindering probes

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Cyber crimes are on a rapid rise in the city, but cases are not being cracked with the same alacrity. If you have been scammed too, don't keep your hopes pinned on approaching the cyber police or filing an online complaint as most complainants BM spoke to informed us that there was no progress in their case. They said they never received any update and in some cases they didn't get the money they had lost in online financial fraud.

Mayur had filed an online complaint on the cyber crime portal in April, but he told BM that he didn't get any update from the cyber police till now.

"I was receiving messages on WhatsApp with people pitching that if I liked any post on social media, they would pay me. I knew it was a scam and I reported it. This isn't the first incident; I had filed a complaint earlier as well and I didn't get any updates on it. I had attached screenshots for the proof, but there was no action," he said.

He added that cyber crime police are more focused on big financial scams where people have lost a lot of money, and small cyber scams are neglected. "Cyber police are slow to act upon cases that don't involve money but recently I came across someone on Twitter saying that he has lost money in financial fraud online and I don't think he

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Covid-19: 3 years on, where do we stand?

Experts say we must continue to be cautious as threat is not entirely mitigated

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After the World Health Organisation's (WHO) announcement that covid-19 is no longer a global emergency, Bengaluru's health experts wonder what this implies for us. With variants continuing to mutate fast and new effects of the virus being reported, doctors say there are questions left to be answered.

For Dr Swati Rajagopal (Consultant - Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital), the 'end of the pandemic' is in sight, however, there's a long way to the finish line. "This is not the time to relax, we should capitalise on hard work done over the last two years: focus on booster doses of vaccinations and continue to follow precautions to prevent spread of infection in the community. We are better than what we were before, the death rates are lower, the aggressive phase is lower than before."

Firstly, people need to understand the meaning of words such as epidemic, pandemic, and outbreak, says Dr John Paul (Infectious Disease specialist, SPARSH Hospital). "An outbreak is when there is a sudden spike of a disease in a localised community whereas an epidemic is when it involves a larger area with an increased incidence of the same disease more than what is usually seen for that particular area. When this area involves countries and continents, then we call it a pandemic. When the disease continues to occur at a particular rate in a geographical area then we call that the disease is endemic to that area," he said.

> **We should capitalise on the hard work done over last two years: booster doses and following precautions**
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> –Dr Swati Rajagopal, Aster CMI Hospital

He added that most viral infections tend to remain. They either mutate in such a way that they are not as virulent as they were before, which means that they cause lesser issues to the person infected. Or through vaccinations or previous infections, the person has gained adequate immunity to tide over the episode without many complications. "We can say that the virus is in an endemic state because there are a fixed number of cases reported at periodic intervals but not at proportions where we need to call it an epidemic or an outbreak."

Unanswered questions

New research suggests even a mild case of Covid has the potential to increase long-term risks of serious cardiovascular diseases such as stroke, heart attack and heart failure. The study states that between 30 days and a year after recovery from Covid, survivors were 52 per cent more likely to have a stroke, 63 per cent more likely to have a heart attack, and 72 per cent more likely to develop complete heart failure. The many unanswered questions around long Covid worry experts who say some curbs should stay until we're able to explain why some people have even suffered cognitive impairment despite recovery

Variant trouble

New variants are a worry. Variants have kept the world in suspense, with a few triggering entire waves. They have come at a fast rate too. Towards the end of 2020, within months of SARS-CoV-2's discovery, variants emerged with 10 to 20 mutations. Experts say until we have vaccines that are ready to take on variants (they are being developed worldwide), calling off the health emergency would be a very bad idea.

Precautions

Dr Paul said, "People with high risks i.e., those that are elderly and people who are immunocompromised, they continue to stay at significant risk if they contract the disease. Even if we are vaccinated and immune, we should continue to wear a mask to ensure that we don't risk infecting high-risk individuals. For this reason, we need to continue wearing a mask."

Not tech-savvy enough to crack crimes?

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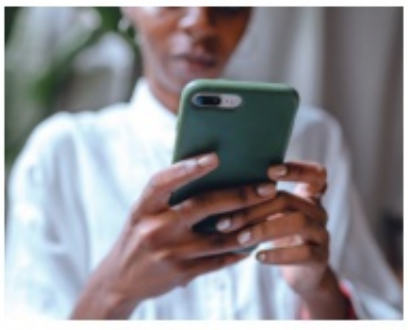
got his money back," he added.

Cybersecurity expert C Shubhamangala Sunil of Global Cyber Security Response Team opines that Bengaluru police is not equipped and trained to handle cyber crime cases. She adds that despite requesting the government to form a special team, this was not done.

"They are slow to handle cases because they don't have the right technician team yet. We have also approached the government to set up better labs to tackle cyber crime because regular police can't do that. The main reason is that they are not trained



for that and they need to have a special team who knows how to handle such cases. And once they have the manpower, they need specific tools to handle cyber crime cases. Being in silicon city, we are facing a lot of cyber issues," she said.

She adds that there should be a state level cybercrime committee and the state should have proper cyber labs for speedy disposal of cases.

"Every time we have approached the government about creating a cyber security ministry in India, we have seen that they would cite several excuses. For 8-10 years, we have been suggesting that we don't have a proper committee or a ministry and it would become difficult for the country to compete on global platforms, if we don't take this seriously right now," she added.

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No more monkey business

Animal activists slam Delhi's move to remove Rhesus macaque from schedules of Wildlife Protection Act, note that habitat loss threatening monkeys found in cities

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The species Rhesus macaques, commonly found in Delhi, has been removed from the schedules of the Wildlife Protection Act (WPA), allowing the public to treat them similarly to stray cats or dogs. Animal activists in the city have said that this measure must not be taken up with the Bonnet macaques found frequently in Bengaluru for varying reasons.

The Delhi forest department said that since Rhesus macaques are not endangered and are found as frequently as strays, there is no need to keep them in the scheduled category. They have noted the many cases of monkey menace reported in Delhi and said that the problem will now be treated as a civic issue instead of a wildlife protection one. Prior to the change, the species was listed under Schedule II of the WPA, 1972. This meant that killing or trading the species was forbidden along with hunting, unless the animal was considered a threat to human life. Under the act, killing of scheduled animals can attract a fine of up to Rs 10,000 and a jail term of three terms, while the punishment and fine can increase in proportion to the severity of the case.

An animal activist, Arun Prasad, noted that what the Delhi authorities have done is against the provisions of the existing law. "As long as the animal is wild in nature, they must be protected under the WPA and cannot be dropped. Under Section 2(36) of the act, the Rhesus macaques must be protected. Just

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Rhesus macaques are not endangered and found as often as strays

because the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) criteria have deemed them as 'least concerned' species because of their population, it does not mean that they must not be protected," he said. He further noted that while Bonnet macaques, commonly found in Bengaluru, had once belonged to the 'least concerned' category too, they have significantly decreased in the past 30 years, putting them under the vulnerable criteria. "The forest department has failed miserably to safeguard the species and have also taken up sterilisation initiatives with regard to them when they should instead be focusing on increasing their population," he said, adding that habitat destruction and lack of measures to conserve them have led to the situation. If they were to be taken out of Schedule II, it would put them in a state where the chances of them turning endangered or extinct significantly rise.

> **As long as the animal is wild in nature, they must be protected under the WPA. Under Section 2(36) of the act, the Rhesus macaques must be protected**
>
> – Arun Prasad, animal activist

Rajesh Nataraj, who has been involved in wildlife rescue activities for the past 12 years, said that he receives over 40-50 calls every year from apartment associations regarding monkey menace. However, the problem of human-animal conflict is inevitable due to rampant habitat destruction, he explained. "The forest department is inadequately staffed to deal with the issues, and NGOs involved are filled up to the brim. The apartment owners only complain but do not take up measures such as putting up efficient garbage management systems in place or stopping their residents from feeding the monkeys. They have now adapted to urban life, not by choice but by force, and will choose to remain where they have a continued source of food," he said and urged the authorities to conduct detailed case studies regarding the matter to come up with sustainable solutions that also keep in mind the rights of the animal.

Call of the wild: Forest fears

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Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), with the total forest cover in Karnataka less than 33%, infrastructure projects in forest areas should not get a green signal. When forest cover has declined so much, the department cannot divert more forest land and make people more vulnerable to climate change.

"Forest sequesters carbon and ensures sustenance of water. Looking at the current forest cover, any infrastructure projects should not be allowed. If the department has to go ahead with a project, deforestation should be compensated for by planting native species in degraded forest patches. If forest land is unavailable, they must acquire it elsewhere and carry out compensatory plantation. The forest officials must be made accountable for forest degradation and such irrational decision," said Dr Ramachandra.

Experts say it is time we learn a few lessons on sustainability from countries like Bhutan which take pride in being a carbon-negative country.

Given the climate crisis, experts say every inch of green needs saving

"Given the climate crisis, every inch of the forest must be saved. The forest department must put its foot down even if there is bureaucratic pressure. On one hand, we have the Prime Minister who has promised carbon neutrality by 2070, on the other hand, we are removing our green cover at a much faster rate. While our forest area is dwindling, Bhutan has 72% of its land as forest cover. We should learn how to emulate them," said Joseph Hoover, president of United Conservation Movement and former member of the State Wildlife Board.

While the department carries out compensatory afforestation to compensate for destroyed forest land that has been diverted to no-forest activities, experts say there is a complete lack of transparency, and such policies only remain on paper.

"The department's claim of compensatory afforestation is only on the ledgers. There is a total lack of transparency. Every tree under CA must be geotagged and data should be made available in the public domain. We say this, as despite all the claims of CA by the department when we carry out remote sensing data analysis, we do not see a significant change in tree cover," added Dr Ramachandra.

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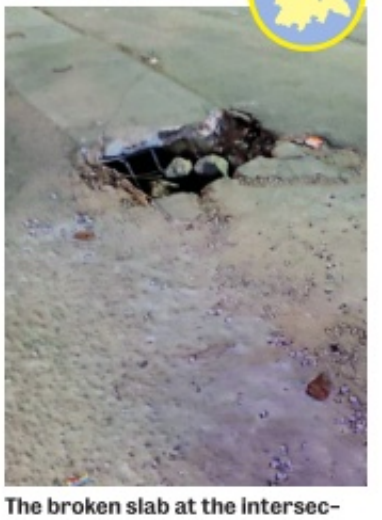

The broken slab at the intersection of Doddaballapur highway near Aditya Pharma in Yelahanka needs to be urgently replaced.

Whose land is this?

Tussle over 23 guntas of land on Borewell Road reaches police, court

The disputed land on Borewell Road in Whitefield

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A tussle is ongoing between the Church of South India, Karnataka Central Diocese and M Srinivas, a resident of Kadugodi, over the ownership of 23 guntas of land on Borewell Road, Whitefield. Both the parties claim the property belongs to them.

An argument took place on Thursday when Srinivas entered the property with workers to clear the debris and cut tree branches. "More than 10 persons came here and threatened to kill me and also cursed me and my family," said Srinivas.

He said that he entered the property after availing a stay order from the Karnataka High Court on the stay order issued by a court based on the complaint by the Church of South India. "I bought the land from S Sunder Raj on August 17, 2020, after verifying the documents of the property. Some people claiming to be from the Church of South India have been creating problems for me by claiming that the land belongs to the Church's Trust," he said.

He added that he demolished two residential quarters on the property after purchasing the land from Sunder Raj. "The CSI authorities approached Whitefield Police while I was on a visit to Mantralaya and lodged a complaint against me. After returning from Mantralaya, I visited the Whitefield Police Station and produced all the documents, including a court order that dismissed their claim over the property," he said.

> **I bought the land from S Sunder Raj on August 17, 2020, after verifying the documents of the property**
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> – M Srinivas

According to him, the Karnataka High Court issued an order staying the impugned order dated July 25, 2022. However, the High Court stated that there shall be an interim order of the status quo in respect of written statement schedule property i.e., schedule mentioned in the Annexure-E. "The survey number of my property that was purchased from Sunder Raj is 55/1 A3 but their property survey number, as per the documents produced by them, is 86. I did not violate any norm. I bought the property and got registered as per the norms," he explained.

He said the CSI authorities can produce documents before the authorities concerned.

Meanwhile, Arnee Naresh, Secretary of Pastorate Committee of Memorial Church, Whitefield told BM that the property was gifted to the Church of South India Trust Association by a devotee on August 3, 1979. "We have been paying property tax from 2009 when the BBMP came into existence in Whitefield and prior to that to CMC from 1978 onwards when the property who was a member of our church donated the property to the Church of South India Trust," said Naresh.

Matrimony scam: Techie duped of Rs 34 lakh

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A software engineer from Bengaluru has lost lakhs of rupees by trusting a fraudster he met on a matrimonial site. Currently, a 48-year-old software engineer from Marathahalli, who fell into the fraud trap of cyber criminals and lost money, has reached out to Whitefield CEN Police Station, and a case has been registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act.

A resident of Marathahalli, had uploaded his profile on a matrimonial site. The victim was contacted in the first week of April by an account called Fatima Muhammad on the site. She claimed that she is based in London and will return to India soon.

Fatima, who got acquainted like this, had shown interest in the victim. Later, the victim got a call from customs officer Manisha Sharma. Manisha told the victim that Fatima had arrived at the Delhi airport with foreign currency worth more than Rs 5 crore, and the customs officials had seized it along with some of her documents. Manisha asked the victim to pay the fees and taxes on her behalf to release her money and documents. The man then transferred a total of Rs 34,40,700 to the bank accounts given by the woman. But neither Manisha nor Fatima could be contacted since April 19.

Finally, he contacted the cyber police station after realising that he was a victim of cybercrime.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Ulsoor Lake also known as Halasuru Lake is one of the biggest lakes in Bengaluru. The lake is believed to have existed during Kempe Gowda's era. Lake's present form was constructed by Lewin Bentham Bowring, who served as the Commissioner of Bengaluru at that time. The Madras Engineer Group has jurisdiction over a portion of the lake, while the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) controls the remaining area. The Eastern watchover situated on Ulsoor Lake featured a Chinese bell measuring approximately 4 feet 3inches in height and 3 feet 1.5 inches in diameter. The lake derives its name from the locality where it is located.

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What measures must be taken in the city during rainy days to prevent waterlogging?

Radhika Srikanth, BM Reader
To prevent water logging during rainy days, ensure clean roads and footpaths, and create small pits at the corners of the road that pass on the rainwater to roadside plants or a water resource.

Lakshmi N, BM Reader
During the rainy season, water gets stagnated on the road because there are no proper drainage channels by the side of the roads for the water to flow. We, as responsible citizens, should come forward and discuss the solution with the local body.

Sowmya B, BM Reader
Because of the poor quality of materials used in making roads, cities where heavy vehicles like trucks and containers commute can damage the roads by creating potholes. Water stagnation occurs due to potholes.

Jagadeesh HC, BM Reader
We should follow rainwater harvesting systems in independent houses and high-rise buildings, where rainwater is collected from the roof and redirected to the tank, which overall controls the water logging on the roads.

HP Manjunath, BM Reader
The reservoir must be built by the government to preserve the rainwater for future use. Stagnated water on the road is left unattended until it evaporates, but building a reservoir helps preserve the rainwater and reduces the water logging to a greater extent.

Raghu J, BM Reader
While constructing the roads, the level of the road must be kept even in the city by the construction authorities. Sufficient manholes must be provided to drain the water if no water logging occurs due to the unevenness of the road.

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State of mind: Confused

Ongoing campaign in Malleswaram highlights need for electoral clubs in colleges

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A survey conducted by a resident group in Malleswaram on first-time voters in the area shows that the majority of them lack clarity on the voting process. Conducted on nearly 450 students from eight educational institutions in the area, the survey also highlights the need for electoral clubs in colleges that are currently missing.

"We reached out to nearly 450 students across eight colleges in Malleswaram through Google Forms. After interacting with these youngsters, we got to know that none of these colleges have electoral clubs, and thus students are left on their own to figure out the process. They have no means to validate deserving candidates," said Yamuna Shastri, a member of Community 55, a neighbourhood community centre for youth and community engagements in Malleswaram that conducted the survey.

The survey was part of an ongoing week-long campaign taken up by a group of residents to help first-time voters in the area navigate the upcoming elections. Christened 'Mission 100 per cent voting', the campaign also aims at encouraging all citizens to vote in the upcoming election.

"Through the campaign, we plan to reach around 2,000 touchpoints in the Malleswaram area to achieve the mission of 100 per cent voting. From general stores to vegetable shops and from temples and gyms and other religious places, we are urging citizens to vote without fail. We are not affiliated with any political party and just assisting the youngsters so their sail through smoothly," added Shastri.

The campaign plans to reach around 2,000 touchpoints in Malleswaram

Citizen activists who are part of the campaign say the idea is to set a benchmark by encouraging people to exercise their right to vote. It focuses on first-time voters to initiate them into participating in the process as their future will be governed by those who get elected.

"Voting percentage of the city is a meagre 50-55 per cent. This implies about half the Bengalureans give voting a go-by. As one of the fastest-growing cities, we should be setting benchmarks by participating in this process. 'Mission 100 per cent Voting', aims to encourage and urge all to vote. We are especially focusing on first-time voters, to initiate them into participating. Also, their future is governed by who gets elected," said Rajkumar Dugar, a citizen activist and founder of C4C.

Citizens complain political parties are collecting their private details to seek votes

Parties busy collecting personal info

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POLL VAULT

With elections scheduled for next week, political parties are busy making last-minute attempts to woo voters. Amid this, many voters are shocked as representatives of a few political parties are seeking personal data like photos of voter identity cards as well as phone numbers. Sridevi R, a resident of Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, told BM, "On Thursday, a few women campaigning for a party knocked on the door and sought support for her party. Then, the women asked me to show my voter identity card. As the party representatives distribute the voter slips for the last many years, I thought it was for that. When I showed my voter identity card, they took out their book and noted down my voter identity card number and then also sought my phone number. After entering the details in their books, they said that the voter slips would be provided by someone else. I started wondering as to why my personal details were accessed by them."

Suma D, a resident of Defence Colony, had a similar experience. "I was taken by surprise when those campaigning for political parties took photos of the voter identity cards in their mobile phones and also took our mobile numbers. When I asked the reason for collecting this information, the campaigners said they were trying to verify the voter identity card in the app to check if the voter identity card was valid or not as many voter identity cards have been deleted."

Shiva Kumar, a businessman said this began a few weeks ago. "Once the phone numbers were shared, we have been receiving recorded messages in phone calls from political candidates seeking votes. Though these people are spamming my phone with calls, I understand that the phone number is collected as a data bank to send voice or text messages to the people for seeking votes."

A senior BBMP official said voters should not fall for any cheap tricks and should not share any personal information. "We have been issuing voter slips to every household. People need not seek voter slips from any of the parties. We request them not to share any personal data including phone numbers."

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> –Shiva Kumar, a businessman

Meanwhile, many also said they have got temporary 'jobs' in the form of campaigning. "I used to work as a daily wage labourer. However, I have taken a break from my usual work to participate in conventions, nomination papers, and other political events," said Siddappa Gowda. S Singh, who works for a political party said, "To make our yatras and conventions successful, political leaders are making various efforts to mobilise people. We take care of these people until they return home, providing vehicle facilities, meals, snacks, and other privileges, paying Rs. 500 per person to attend these events and posing for photos holding party flags."

Assets of 168 repeat candidates increased

Of the 189 MLAs in Karnataka, who have been fielded again by their parties, assets of 168 MLAs have increased while the assets of the 21 MLAs have decreased, according to data that the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) published on Saturday.

The report by the ADR is based on the self-sworn affidavits of 189 re-contesting MLAs in the Karnataka Assembly.

As per the report, out of the 189 re-contesting MLAs, assets of 168 MLAs, which is 89 per cent of the candidates have increased ranging from 1 per cent to 1,188 per cent and assets of 21 MLAs, which is 11 per cent, have decreased ranging from -0.36 per cent to -68 per cent.

The report highlighted that the average assets of these 189 re-contesting MLAs fielded by various parties including independents in 2018 was Rs 29.18 crore, which in 2023 has increased to Rs 48.59 crore, a growth of Rs 19.41 crore in the last five years.

The report said that the average percentage growth in assets for these 189 re-contesting MLAs is 67 per cent.

As per the ADR data, the ruling BJP has repeated 95 MLAs in the 2023 assembly polls and their assets in the last five years have increased by 69.34 per cent. The average assets of the BJP MLAs in the 2018 assembly polls was Rs 20.77 crore, which ballooned to Rs 35.17 crore in 2023.

Meanwhile, the Congress fielded 66 candidates once again in the assembly polls, and their average assets in last five years have increased by Rs 29.56 crore. The average asset of these 66 Congress candidates in 2018 was Rs 43.65 crore, which ballooned to Rs 73.21 crore witnessing a growth of 67.74 per cent in five years.

Similarly, Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) has also repeated 26 candidates in 2023 elections and the average asset of these candidates have increased by 51.66 per cent. The average asset of these candidates in 2018 was Rs 24.18 crore which witnessed a jump of Rs 12 crore and in 2023, their average asset now stands at Rs 36 crore, as per the ADR data.

BSP has also repeated its lone MLA in the Karnataka elections and his asset increased by 103 per cent in last five years. In 2018 assembly poll, the average asset of the BSP candidate was Rs 20.16 crore, which increased to Rs 40.97 crore, witnessing an increase of Rs 20.80 crore. **–IANS**

They are tracking the UPI money trail

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In a bid to stringently track election irregularities via digital payments, Karnataka Chief Electoral Office (CEO) will monitor and flag large number of payments made from a single UPI ID/user and initiate action accordingly.

With a large number of people using online payment gateways and UPI platforms, the Karnataka CEO has decided to take track of illegal payments being made through online means.

"Earlier we were monitoring bank transactions within Rs 1-10 lakh would be flagged down for suspicious withdrawals. Due to the increase in online transactions using an online payment gateway, small amounts ranging from Rs 500-1000 can be transferred to multiple accounts. We are monitoring accounts that are making

multiple transactions to multiple recipients. The information is being given to the district to find out whether it's a suspicious transaction. If the transaction is found suspicious, action will be taken," said a senior CEO officer.

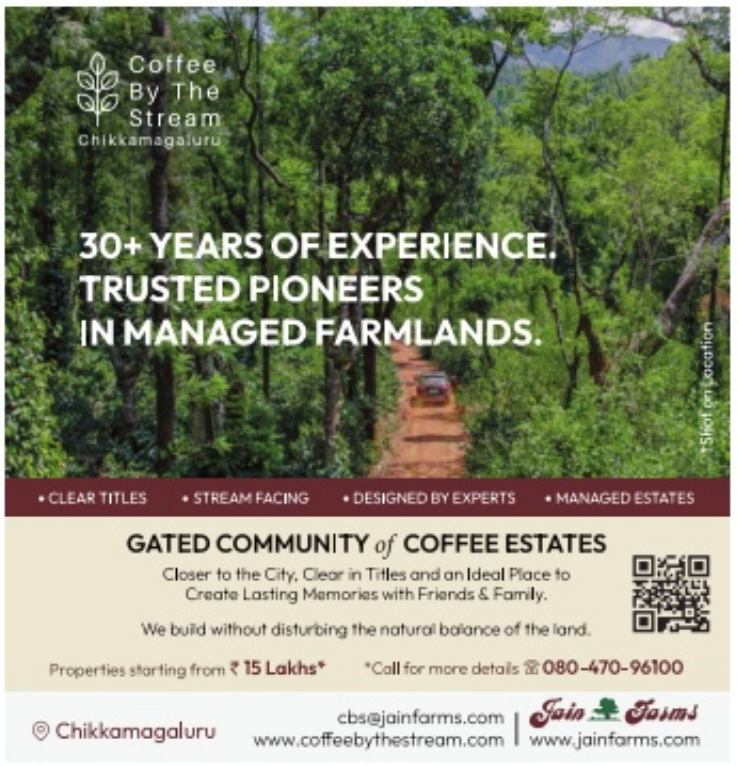
Karnataka CEO held a meeting with all the online payment gateway and UPI platforms like Google Pay, PhonePay, Paytm, Rupay, and RazorPay along with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the regulatory body for online transactions, National Payments Corporation OF India (NPCI) roughly 15 days ago. At the meeting, the companies agreed to share the data with Karnataka CEO to verify such transactions. The data is being analysed by district authorities.

"We cannot easily identify suspicious transactions. Currently, we are looking for transactions made from one account to multiple people. For ex: from 10 accounts, payments are being made to 10 people each, we need to verify the nature of these transactions. We need to check if these are normal transactions or are being sent to individual accounts. However, routine and monthly transactions like salary crediting will not be considered suspicious. Accounts started in the month of March displaying these types of transactions will be considered suspicious," he added.

> **Karnataka Chief Electoral Office to monitor and flag large number of payments made from a single UPI ID and take action accordingly in bid to track irregularities via online payments**

After verifying the nature of transactions, users held guilty will be booked under IPC Section 171 C (voluntarily interferes or attempts to interfere with the free exercise of any electoral right), 171 B (offence of bribery), and 171 E (offence of bribery),

As of now, no cases have been registered under this exercise.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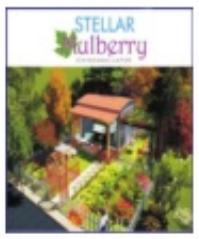

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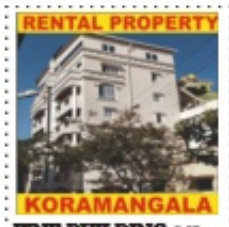

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PM rally paints city roads saffron

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All of Malleswaram had turned out early for the three-hour road show. With high security in place, many roads leading up to the road show route were closed.

In Malleswaram, people stood with anticipation to get a view of the PM.

Akhil Golikeri, a resident of Malleswaram, said he felt great visiting the road show. "I was thrilled that the PM would undertake his roadshow just a street away from where I reside. When I reached the venue, I was overjoyed to see the massive crowd waiting."

Sucheta Ubhaykar, another resident of Malleswaram, said they had a good experience. "The cavalcade was moving fast so we did not get a good view. But the PM had a tight schedule as he covered 26 constituencies in one hour." **BMB**

Route for today's leg of the rally (9.30 am to 12 pm)

ROUTE MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON PLANS

Sonia Gandhi hits out at 'dark rule' of BJP

#Hubballi

In a scathing attack on the BJP, senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Saturday said Karnataka and by extension India cannot make progress without getting rid of the ruling party's "loot, lies, ego and hatred".

Making her maiden entry into the 2023 Karnataka Assembly poll battle, Sonia also said the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by her son Rahul Gandhi was against those spreading hatred. "This was the reason that lakhs of people joined Rahul Gandhi's 4,000 km march".

"Neither Karnataka nor India can make progress without getting rid of the atmosphere of BJP's loot, lies, ego and hatred," Gandhi said in her first public rally in poll-bound Karnataka, which votes on May 10.

She said, "It is everyone's responsibility to strengthen our voice against this (BJP) government's 'dark rule'."

She was flanked on the stage by Congress President M Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and former Karnataka Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar who recently quit BJP over the denial of ticket and joined the party.

The party has fielded Shettar, a six-time MLA, from Hubli-Dharwad Central constituency, from where he had won the previous Assembly polls in 2018. **PTI**

Imperial history of coronation ceremony

The coronation ceremony of Charles III reflects how monarchy has developed since Saxon times, but it still carries many vestiges of Britain's imperial past.

In the 18th century, the royal title changed from "King of England" to "King of the United Kingdom", as successive Acts of Union joined England, Scotland and Ireland into one political unit. However, the biggest change in the royal title came in 1876, when the Royal Titles Act made Queen Victoria Empress of India. This gave her authority even over those areas of India which were not formally subject to British rule.

To give this change of title a formal announcement in India, the British staged what became the first of three durbars – ceremonial events held in the British Raj to formally proclaim the imperial title. Queen Victoria's was held in 1877, the year following the act, but Edward VII's and George V's were held in conjunction with their coronations.

The viceroy of India in 1877, Lord Lytton, concocted the original durbar from a mixture of Persian, Mughal and English ceremonial traditions, as a formal proclamation of the queen's title. When her son became Edward VII in 1901, a bigger durbar was organised to proclaim his imperial title – although, like his mother, Edward remained in London.

In 1911, George V and Queen Mary travelled to India for an elaborately staged coronation durbar, where they would take centre stage. This raised tricky questions of protocol.

George's coronation in Westminster Abbey invested him with all his imperial titles, so what would be the impact of being "crowned" in India? Would it mean that his successors would not be emperors unless they held a durbar? And what did it mean for his predecessors who had not attended theirs?

The crown of England was not allowed to leave the country, so a special crown was constructed for George V to wear in India, while Queen Mary wore her "best diadem" – a heavily ornamented headband. They sat sweating under the Delhi sun in their heavy coronation robes, furs and all.

In the end, the Delhi durbar consisted of Indian princes paying homage to the king-emperor in a ceremony that owed as much to European feudalism as it did to Indian tradition. Plans for George VI to have an Indian durbar were postponed in the post-abdication sense of general exhaustion, and abandoned as war loomed.

The commonwealth

The 1931 Statute of Westminster formalised the evolution of some former colonies into self-governing dominions within a British commonwealth. Both George VI and Elizabeth II were crowned as monarchs over the UK and of territories overseas. The coronation oath, a legal requirement dating back to the Coronation Oath Act of 1688, has been amended on various occasions, taking account of former colonies which have become republics.

The oath Charles III will take has been amended slightly to cover his duties to his other kingdoms by agreement with their governments. Even so, for the king of Canada to be crowned in London is a reminder that the modern monarch's title still reflects the old empire.

A new-look guest list

The biggest move away from imperial tradition has been in the compilation of the guest list. In the past, the only rulers to receive an invite were those of British overseas territories, such as Queen Salote of Tonga, who delighted the crowds in 1953 by braving the rain in an open-top carriage and scorning an umbrella.

Charles III has departed from precedent by issuing invitations to monarchs from Europe and the Middle East, regardless of whether or not they had ties to the British empire. Some other heads of state are also attending, though the US will be represented by the first lady, Jill Biden, rather than the president.

At a time when polling suggests declining support for monarchy, the coronation might seem an irrelevant distraction

By inviting representatives of a wide range of ethnic groups and different faiths to participate in the ceremony, the king is turning his coronation into a reflection of his diverse and decidedly post-imperial kingdom. The coronation is still not entirely free of echoes of empire, but it represents an important stage in the modern monarchy's move away from its shadow.

(By Sean Lang, Anglia Ruskin University, The Conversation)

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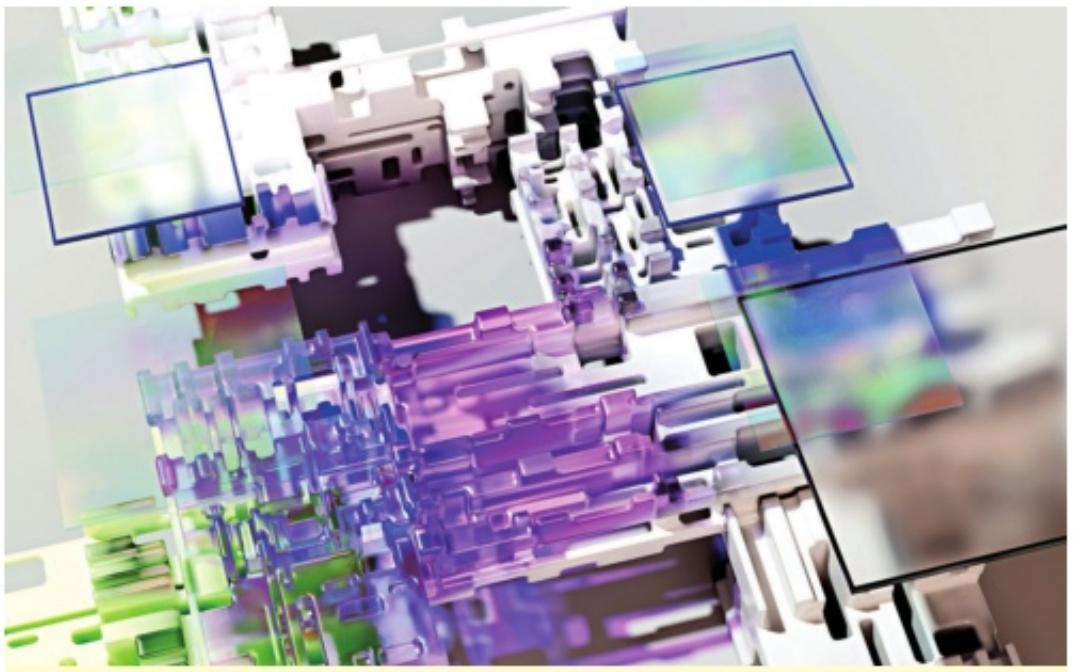
The double-edged sword

ChatGPT's arrival raises personal data theft, hacking risks many times over



As millions embrace AI-powered chatbots like ChatGPT, cybersecurity risks associated with generative AI models have become a pressing concern for individuals and businesses alike. While these generative AL models are designed to facilitate communication and provide helpful responses, experts have raised concerns that these pose great risks of hacking and data breaches that could compromise personal information.

A report by Palo Alto Networks Unit 42 showed recently that ChatGPT-related scams are surging and despite OpenAI (the creator of ChatGPT) giving users a free version of ChatGPT, scammers lead victims to fraudulent websites, claiming they need to pay for these services. "They might collect and steal the input you provide. In other words, providing anything sensitive or confidential could put you in danger. The chatbot's responses could also be manipulated to give you incorrect answers or misleading information," said researchers from Palo Alto Networks Unit 42. The report noted a 910% rise in monthly registrations for domains related to ChatGPT between November 2022-April 2023.

Neelesh Kripalani, CEO of IT services and consulting company Clover Infotech, said: "ChatGPT can impact the cybersecurity landscape through the development of more sophisticated social engineering or phishing attacks. Such attacks are used to trick individuals into divulging sensitive information or taking actions that can compromise their security".

With the ability to generate convincing and natural-sounding language, "AI language models like ChatGPT could potentially be used to create more convincing and effective social engineering and phishing attacks," he warned.

OpenAI admitted in March that some users' payment information may have been exposed when it took ChatGPT offline owing to a bug. The Microsoft-backed company took ChatGPT offline due to a bug in an open-source library which allowed some users to see titles from another active user's chat history. OpenAI discovered that the bug may have caused the unintentional visibility of "payment-related information of 1.2 % of the ChatGPT Plus subscribers who were active during a specific nine-hour window". OpenAI then launched a bug bounty programme for ChatGPT and other products, offering up to $20,000 to security researchers to help the company distinguish between good-faith hacking and malicious attacks, as it suffered a security breach.

"ChatGPT can impact the cybersecurity landscape through the development of sophisticated phishing attacks that trick individuals into divulging sensitive information

In addition to cybersecurity risks, it's also key to understand that ChatGPT may trigger identity misuse of people.

In an unusual incident, ChatGPT falsely named an innocent and highly-respected law professor in the US on the list of legal scholars who had sexually harassed students in the past as part of a research study. Jonathan Turley, Shapiro Chair of Public Interest Law at George Washington University, was left shocked when he realised ChatGPT named him as part of a research project on legal scholars who sexually harassed someone. Turley said he has "never been accused of sexual harassment or assault by anyone".

The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chair Lina Khan warned that modern AI technologies like ChatGPT can be used to "turbocharge" fraud. "AI presents a whole set of opportunities, but also presents a whole set of risks," Khan told the House representatives last month.

A number of well-known AI researchers, including Twitter CEO Elon Musk and Steve Wozniak, Co-founder of Apple, signed an open letter urging AI labs around the world to halt the development of large-scale AI systems, citing concerns about the "profound risks to society and humanity" that this software is alleged to pose. **IANS**

Is it coming for our jobs? Yes

Till about a couple of months ago, the whole discussion regarding machines taking away human jobs was centred around automation and robots/humanoids. The arrival of ChatGPT and other generative artificial intelligence (AGI) models have sparked a real, and bigger threat. What began as a conversational tool via prompts is likely to replace human workers doing certain jobs, beginning with industries like IT/software/tech and media/creative agencies and new-age platforms serving the digital economy.

However, it is still early days for AI -- trained on large language models (LLMs) -- to take away jobs across the spectrum amid larger scrutiny but specific clues have emerged. IBM CEO Arvind Krishna told Bloomberg in an interview this week: "I could easily see 30 per cent of jobs getting replaced by AI and automation over a five-year period." The tech giant has around 26,000 workers so nearly 7,800 jobs could be replaced by AI in the coming years. However, this transition won't be immediate and IBM will first pause hiring for those roles it deems could be replaced by AI, particularly those for back-office or non-customer facing roles, said its CEO.

According to Arundhati Bhattacharya, CEO and Chairperson for Salesforce India and a former SBI Chairperson, generative AI has a blessing in disguise as it can take away a lot of the repetitive work in India, and leave people to perform more creative work.

According to a report by global investment bank Goldman Sachs, AI could replace the equivalent of 300 million full-time jobs and Generative AI, able to create content indistinguishable from human work, is "a major advancement".

Global technology company Zoho's CEO and co-founder Sridhar Vembu said that AI poses a serious threat to programming jobs. Referring to the conversational AI platforms, Vembu said he has been saying internally for the past 4-5 years that "ChatGPT, GPT4, and other AI being created today will first affect the jobs of many programmers".

According to Carl Benedikt Frey, future-of-work director at the Oxford Martin School, Oxford University, the only thing he is sure of is that "there is no way of knowing how many jobs will be replaced by generative AI". **IANS**

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ANIMATED MEETINGS

Microsoft has announced that it has created a new and large collection of animated backgrounds (or virtual backgrounds) for Teams that have started rolling out worldwide.

The company said this is the biggest update to the virtual backgrounds in Teams since the original collection launched in 2020. "Featuring all-new images, the re-imagined visual library for Teams has been thoughtfully designed to represent the people that use them and how they work best," Microsoft said in a blogpost on Friday. The tech giant has added six categories to Teams backgrounds to cater to users. **IANS**

END OF AN ADVENTURE

Tech giant Sony has said that it will be shutting down PixelOpus, a small in-house studio within PlayStation Studios, next month.

The studio confirmed on Twitter saying, its "adventure has come to an end", reports Engadget. "PlayStation Studios regularly evaluates its portfolio and the status of studio projects... As part of a recent review process, it has been decided that PixelOpus will close on June 2," a representative, said. The report said the creator of the projects Concrete Genie and Entwined, was said to be working on a new PlayStation 5 game with Sony Pictures Animation. **IANS**

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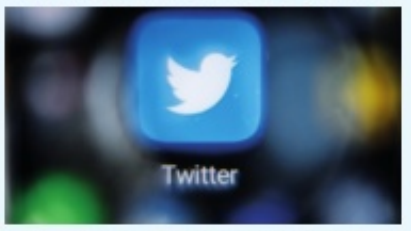

In some shocking news for Elon Musk, more than half of the earliest subscribers of Twitter Blue who paid $8 a month are no longer subscribed and have reportedly ditched the Blue check marks.

According to a Mashable report, Out of about 150,000 early Twitter Blue subscribers, "just around 68,157 have stuck around and maintained a paid subscription as of April 30".

Citing data scraped by independent researcher Travis Brown, the report said that not many Twitter Blue subscribers are sticking around. Musk or Twitter was yet to comment on the numbers cited in the report. **IANS**

HEALTH TIP: Self-care is a crucial practice, not just for addressing burnout but preventing it in the first place

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All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my boyfriend for over a year now, but we don't live together.
The relationship is great for the most part, but I'm finding it increasingly difficult to deal with the fact he still goes to his ex's house on a regular basis to see his kids, who are 16, 11, and nine. I love the fact he's a great dad, but it's uncomfortable knowing he's back at the home he shared for 18 years with his ex and knowing she's sometimes there, too.
I don't want to be the psycho who tells him to stop going round there, but I think by now he should be taking them out or having them at his house.
I'd love your opinion, as it's really getting to me and he knows this.
I guess deep down I think he still has feelings for her and is hoping they'll end up back together.

COLEEN SAYS

I think you need to share your fears with him – maybe you just need some reassurance.
Have you discussed the next step of living together? Perhaps if that was on the table, you would feel more secure.
However, when you got together with him, you knew he was a father of three, with an ex still in the background. Because of the children, his ex is always going to be in his life to some degree. You also have to remember that the relationship ended for a reason and he's now chosen to be with you.
It is a good thing that he's taking his parental responsibilities seriously and maybe it's just easier if he goes over to the family home. Try to get him to appreciate what he might feel like if you were seeing an ex all the time. You want him to make more room for you in his life, so talk to him about it and ask him where he sees your relationship going.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Happiness that's comfort food

These recipes are perfect for when the blues hit. Curl up with a bowl and your favourite OTT show

CHICKEN BAO

INGREDIENTS

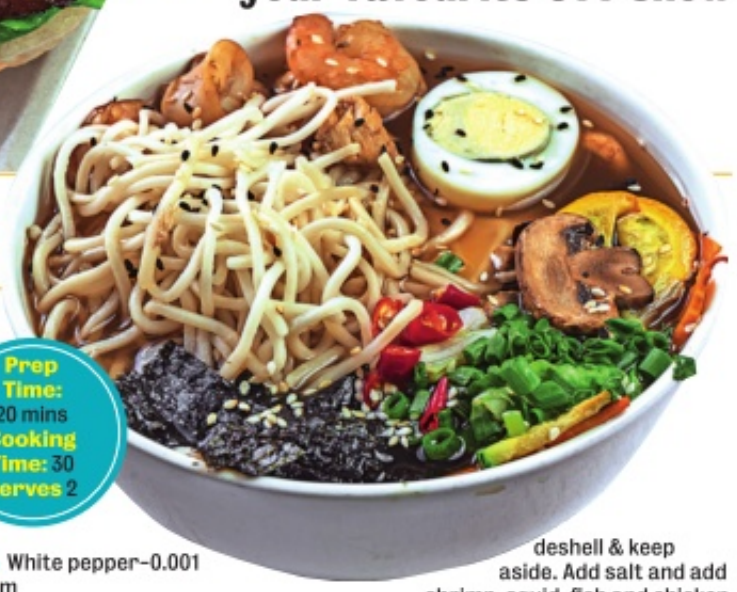
- Flour – 705 gm
- What starch– 150 gm
- Milk powder – 120 gm
- Yeast – 24 gm
- Sugar – 150gm
- Salt– 900 gm
- Baking powder – 15 gm
- Refined oil– 74 ml
- Hot water – 40 ml
- Roasted chicken (raw)–120gm
- Oil–20 ml
- Ginger –1 tbsp
- Garlic – 1 tbsp
- Honey – ½ tbsp
- Tomato sauce –2 tsps
- Chilli paste–1 tbsp
- Oyster sauce–10 ml
- Dark soya – 1 tbsp
- Light soya – ½ tbsp
- Lettuce–30gm
- Siracha mayo –20gm
- Sesame seed(white)– 3 tbsps
- sesame seed (black)–3 tbsps
- Microgreens– 4–5 steams

Prep Time: 90 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 3

METHOD

- Take the flour and add wheat starch along with milk powder. Add yeast, starch, sugar, salt, baking powder and mix well with oil. Make a dough and let it rest for 30 to 45 minutes. Add hot water and further mix the dough. Wrap in a cellophane and let it sit for another 30–35 minutes. Divide the dough into 9 parts and roll them in bao shape. Let it rest for 15 minutes. Steam the dough for 15–20 minutes. Cut the raw meat into strips and marinate using salt, ginger and garlic paste to roast. Take some oil in a pan and heat it. Add ginger, garlic and chili paste to sauté. Add all the sauces along with the roasted strips and toss them well for a thick semi gravy–like consistency. Place a lettuce leaf on two sides of the steamed dough. Insert 2 chicken strips and garnish using mayo, sesame seeds and microgreens.

SEAFOOD RAMEN RECIPE



INGREDIENTS

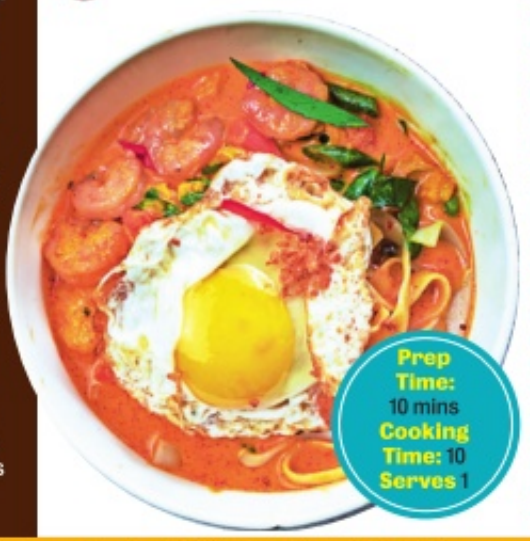
- Shrimps – 8 to 10
- Squid – 8 to 10
- Fish – 0.03 gm
- Boiled egg –1 whole
- Boiled noodles –0.15gm
- Chinese cabbage –0.02gm
- Dice carrot –0.008gm
- Pak choi –1 – 2 sticks
- Broccoli –0.02gm
- Baby corn –1 whole
- Button mushroom –0.02gm
- Black fungus–0.002gm
- Green zucchini– ½ Pc
- Yellow zucchini– ½
- Fresh red chilli – 2 – 3
- Nori Sheet–1 whole (cut into square pieces)
- Water – 1 pot
- Salt –as per taste
- Sugar–as per taste
- White pepper–0.001 gm
- Light soya –2 tbsps
- Dark soya –1 ½ tbsp
- Oyster sauce –1 teaspoon
- Wine– 1 ½ tbsp
- Sesame Seeds (black & white) – ½ teaspoon

Prep Time: 20 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 2

METHOD

- Take a pot of filtered water and heat it until it boils. Boil an egg, deshell & keep aside. Add salt and add shrimp, squid, fish and chicken and start steaming them. Add exotic veggies, some white pepper, salt & sugar along with oyster and soya sauces. Add noodles to boil and top it off with nori sheet and white wine. Garnish with sliced red chillies, sesame and place the boiled egg sliced into two.

BANGKOK STREET NOODLE BOWL



INGREDIENTS

- Flat Noodles–0.14gm
- Shrimps –8 to 10 Pcs
- Chicken–0.05gm
- Egg Poach – 1egg
- Red Curry Paste–2 tbsps
- Lemon Grass –0.01 gm
- Lemon Leaf –2
- Beans–0.015gm
- Carrot –0.01gm
- Broccoli –0.02gm
- Green Zuchhini – ½
- Yellow Zuchhini – ½
- Button Mushroom –0.02gm
- Chinese Cabbage–0.02
- Pak Choi – 1/4th
- Green Peas –0.01gm
- Baby Corn –0.01gm
- Bamboo Shoot –0.01gm
- Water Chestnut –0.005gm
- Red Capsicum – ½ Pc
- Yellow Capsicum – ½ Pc
- Green Capsicum – ½ Pc
- Singapore Oil – 1 cup
- Khao Suey Paste –2 tbsps
- Stock Water
- Salt–as per taste
- Sugar –as per taste
- White Pepper –0.001gm
- Coconut Milk –2 ½ cups
- Lemon – 1

Prep Time: 10 mins Cooking Time: 10 Serves 1

METHOD

- Heat a pan and pour some Singapore oil. Add the red curry paste, followed by Khao Suey paste and sauté. Add all veggies and non–veg ingredients into the pan to stir and toss. Slowly add the coconut milk and stir it well to prepare the gravy. Let it sit for a while. Meanwhile, boil some flat noodles, strain and place it in a bowl. Pour the gravy on the noodles and mix well. Garnish with sliced red chillies and lemon slices. Place poached egg on the top and serve.

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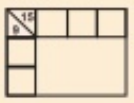
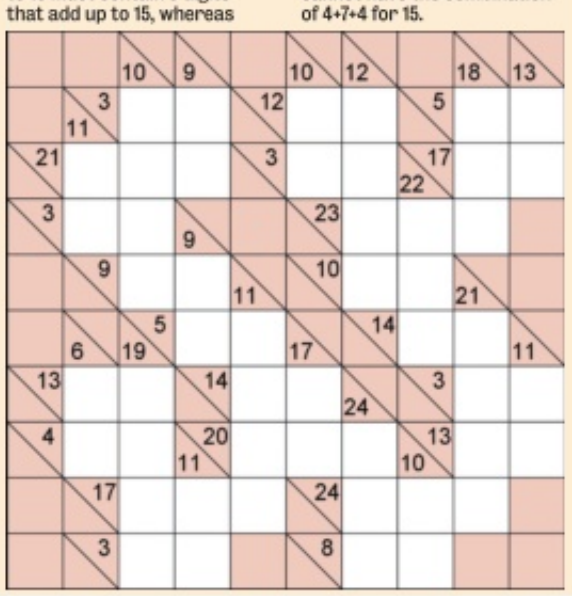
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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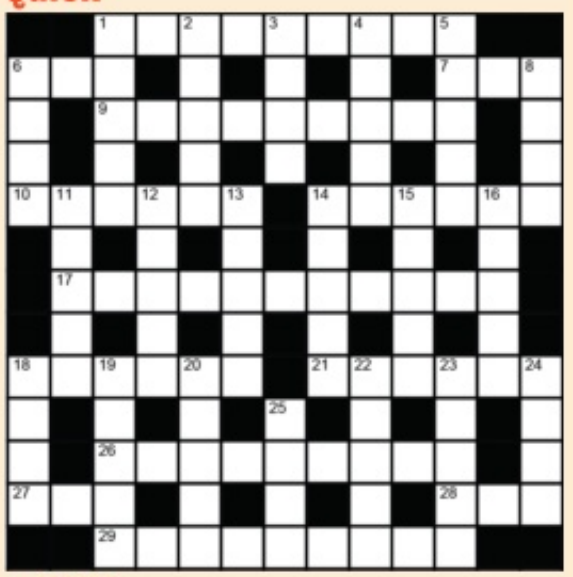


ACROSS

1 Urging rather strongly (9)
6 Increase in phase (3)
7 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
9 Period of three months (9)
10 Counting frame (6)
14 Find the place of (6)
17 Suitable (11)
18 Is suitable or becomes (6)
21 Caught sight of (6)
26 Our state (9)
27 Parting word (3)
28 Attack and rob (3)
29 Time-tables (9)

3 Regretted (4)
4 Preamble (5)
5 Irish policeman (5)
6 Hold it! (4)
8 Leer at (4)
11 Leaf of grass (5)
12 Italian isle (5)
13 Halts (5)
14 At ____ : at liberty, especially a convict who has escaped? (5)
15 Muscle spasm (5)
16 Topic (5)
18 Explosive device (4)
19 Forgeries (5)
20 Portable light (5)
22 Play for time (5)
23 Prayer leaders of Islam (5)
24 To pull along (4)
25 Magical stick (4)

DOWN

1 Supernumerary (5)
2 Japanese poem (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS P

KQZS TMQTBM UQGBL BONM SQ AM LMBODMXML YXQK SMKTSISOQF AGS UQGBL BONM OS SQ NMMT OF SQGWE.

Linemaro

You are the one I wanted to find

Mindchow

You are much deeper, much broader, much brighter than any idea you could ever have of yourself

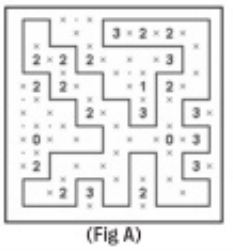
Joke of the day

How do you keep flies out of the kitchen? Put a pile of manure in the living room

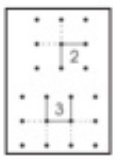
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



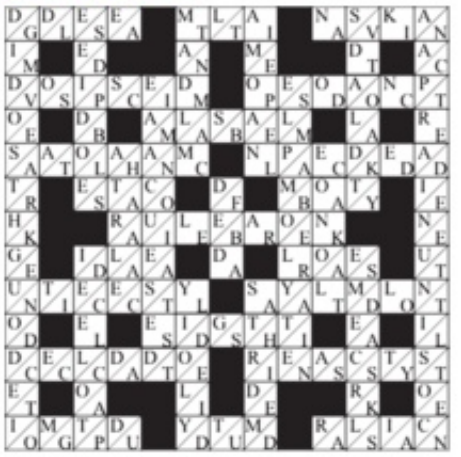
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				Y

ACROSS

1 Dahls; 6 Store; 7 Go out; 8 I rose; 9 Pryer

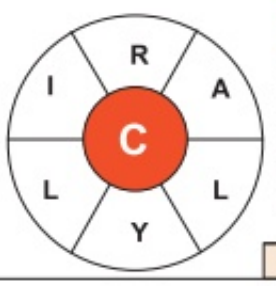
DOWN

1 Do Pro; 2 So Hue; 3 Sitar; 4 Gleer; 5 Troys

Mensapuzzle

Find the longest word in the square by moving from letter to letter in any direction, but each letter must be used only once.

B	X	W	O	S
I	Q	U	R	K
C	T	E	J	L
P	V	H	M	Y
F	A	G	D	N



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

								7
	1		3	8				
3					1			8
8	7					2		6
	9		6		2		3	
1		2					4	9
9			5					4
				4	6		7	
2								

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
4 5 6 9

Medium = 11
2 2 3 5

Hard = 12
3 5 8 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is moved. 2. Tie is different. 3. Leg is longer. 4. Leg of couch is different. 5. Eyebrow is raised. 6. Pad is longer.

Riddler

Can you decode these stupid quotes said by different people?

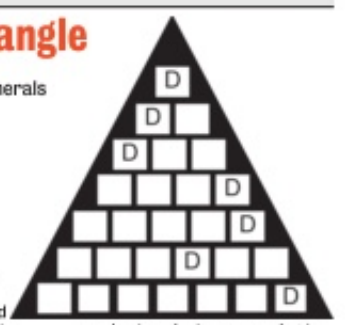
"Sniomkg klils. fi yru'oe kleild, yvuo'e solt a ryev iotpnarmt rapt fo uyro eifl." – Brooke Shields

"Het ienrtnet si a teagr ayw ot etg no teh ent." – Bob Dole

"I velo Cnrlifaola, I pirticalcay wreg pu ni Pnohiex." – Dan Quayle

Alpha triangle

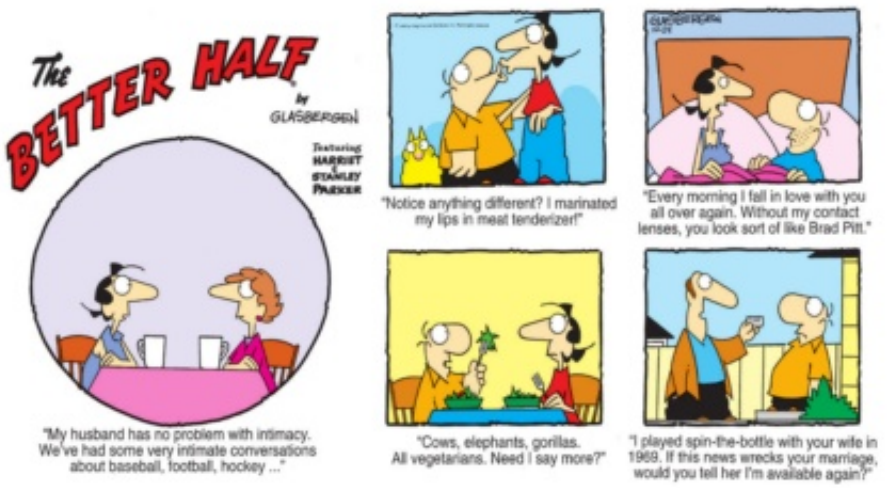
1 Vitamin type
2 501 in Roman numerals
3 Fade
4 Chilled
5 Quoted
6 Accept as true
7 Deceived



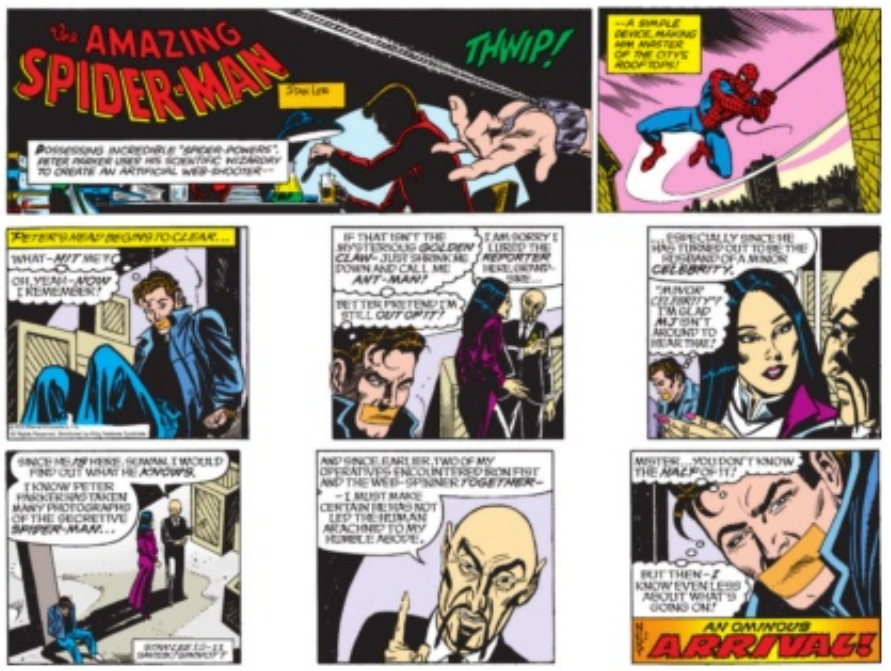
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"My husband has no problem with intimacy. We've had some very intimate conversations about baseball, football, hockey ..."
"Notice anything different? I marinated my lips in meat tenderizer!"
"Every morning I fall in love with you all over again. Without my contact lenses, you look sort of like Brad Pitt."
"Cows, elephants, gorillas. All vegetarians. Need I say more?"
"I played spin-the-bottle with your wife in 1969. If this news wrecks your marriage, would you tell her I'm available again?"

BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
I'M HOME!
HI, SWEETIE.
NICE HAIRCUT!
THANK YOU!
I'M SO LUCKY TO HAVE A HUSBAND WHO NOTICES THE LITTLE THINGS.
I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU TO BE THE SAME SWEET, SENSITIVE MAN I MARRIED ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.
AND I DIDN'T NEED THE CUE CARDS!
NO SENSE IN TAKING CHANCES!
NICE
HAIRCUT
!


The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
Stan Lee
POSSESSING INCREDIBLE "SPIDER-POWERS", PETER PARKER USES HIS SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY TO CREATE AN ARTIFICAL WEB-SHOOTER --
THWIP!
--A SIMPLE DEVICE, MARKED WITH MASTER OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS!
PETER PARKER BEGINS TO CLEAR...
WHAT--AUNT MAY?
OH, YEAH--MOM! I REMEMBER!
IF THAT ISN'T THE MYSTERIOUS GOLDEN CLAW--JUST SHRINK ME DOWN AND CALL ME ANT-MAN!
I AM SORRY I LURED THE REPORTER HERE, GRAND-SIRE...
BETTER PRETEND I'M STILL OUT OF IT!
ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAS TURNED OUT TO BE THE GRANDSON OF A MINOR CELEBRITY!
"RUMOR OF CELEBRITY" I'M GLAD AUNT MAY ISN'T AROUND TO HEAR THIS!
SINCE HE IS HERE, HOWARD, I WOULD FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS!
I KNOW PETER PARKER SHOT FROM MANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SECRETIVE SPIDER-MAN!...
AND SINCE EARLIER, TWO OF MY OPERATIVES ENCOUNTERED IRON FIST AND THE WEB-SPINNER TOGETHER--
I MUST MAKE CERTAIN HE WAS NOT LED THE HUMAN ARACHNID TO MY HUMBLE ABODE!
MISTER... YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!
BUT THEN--I KNOW EVEN LESS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
AN OMINOUS ARRIVAL!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, job seekers may get a new job, and there are chances of promotions in their current job. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful for the growth of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse; otherwise, it will create some distance in your relationship.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, elders' blessings may protect you from this messy situation. Your willpower may help you to complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in domestic life. By evening, you may have gains in terms of past investments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, until the afternoon, they may feel upset. Elder's blessings may protect them from this messy situation in the afternoon onwards. Their willpower may help them complete their delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in domestic life. By the evening, they may have gains in terms of past investments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, the moon is not positive. There are chances that you may not feel well and might have health issues. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise, you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasies and should work hard in their studies. You should also avoid rushing while driving.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family, and you may enjoy your domestic life, which may increase understanding with your spouse. There is a new partnership in your business, and new innovations may help your business to grow. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your good health may make you happy, and your health-related issues may now be resolved. You may control your worthless expenditures, and new sources of income may likely be opened, which may boost your financial health. Singles may find a soul mate in the same community.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, the moon is positive, and you may have some sort of energy, allowing you to perform efficiently at work. You may also help some needy person, which may enhance your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual stuff, and you may also plan for higher study to groom your career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, until evening, you may be impatient and have a lack of confidence, which may reflect in your way of working. Your parents' health may make you upset, and your kids' notorious behavior may also make you upset. You should try to focus on yourself and avoid scattering your energy into many holes. Investments in risky assets are advised to be avoided now.

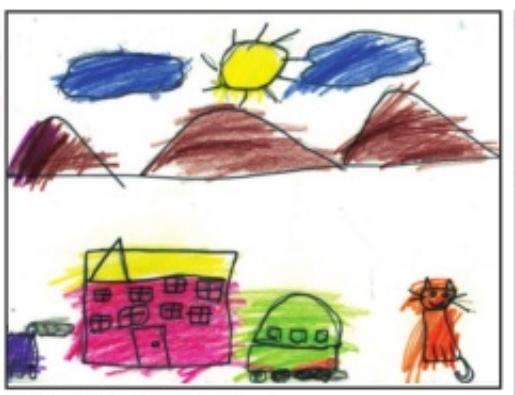
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be happy, and you are likely to plan for overseas work-related travel, which will increase your business in the near future. Spending money on luxury stuff may improve your lifestyle, but you are advised not to drive yourself towards glamour or addictions as it may affect your financial health.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are advised to control your way of speaking. Your harsh speaking may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money buying some worthless stuff to maintain your social status, but it is advised not to keep your money loose in your pocket.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy with your kid's career or extra-curricular activities. You may take some advice from someone to choose career options and may meet consultants or specialists. You may also hear good news regarding your kid's results. You may also invest some capital into your family business.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you must control your way of speaking, and be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so it is advised to avoid making investments in risky assets. You must also avoid lending money to anyone, as it may not be recoverable easily. It is recommended to practice meditation and yoga to come out from stress.

KIDZONE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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life." – Brooke Shields

BULL'S EYE
call, clay, lacy, lilac, lyric, LYRICAL, racy

FAST FIVE

D	H	A	L	S
R	O	S	E	T
O	U	T	G	O
O	S	I	E	R
P	E	R	R	Y

"The Internet is a great way to get on the net." – Bob Dole (U.S. Senator from Kansas)
"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." – Dan Quayle (former U.S. Vice President)

STRIKE OUT

G	L	E	E	M	E	L	I	A	S	I	A	N		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
southerly.

QUOTE UNCODE
Most people would like to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch.

SOLVE IN 1M
-24 ÷ 8 × 27
-3 + 27
24

SUDOKU

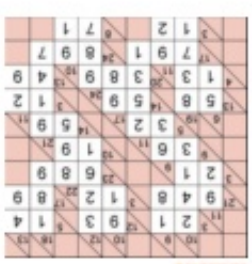
6	5	8	4	2	9	3	1	7
7	1	9	3	8	5	4	6	2
3	2	4	7	6	1	5	9	8
8	7	3	1	9	4	2	5	6
4	9	5	6	7	2	8	3	1
5	8	1	2	4	6	9	7	3
9	3	7	5	1	8	6	2	4
1	6	2	8	5	3	7	4	9
2	4	6	9	3	7	1	8	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, DI, DIe, IcEd, GTed, Credit, Tricked.

LOOP
Medium
5 × 2 + 3 – 2 = 11
Hard
5 / 5 + 3 + 8 = 12

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 6 – 5 – 4 = 6

KAKURO



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'Takes time & patience'
It takes "time and patience" to deliver something worth audiences time, superstar Shah Rukh Khan said on Saturday after the release date of his much-anticipated action film 'Jawan' got pushed to September 7

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One step at a time

Sonali Bendre reveals she is a scared dancer, but always wanted to learn

Actress Sonali Bendre revealed that she is a very scared dancer. She is a judge on a reality show and during the show she was complimenting a pair's performance.

Sonali Bendre complimented the dance act saying: "This was not only an act for me, but on the stage of 'India's Best Dancer 3' it was a good scene I witnessed. This was a well-detailed scene with proper character details and a plot narrative which you performed as a dance act." "It looked so simple as if you are just talking about it as you stand but when you do a scene in real life that is also choreographed, the actors are told to do things. You have done all of that through dance. It was so smooth, like someone was walking and I do not think there is a bigger compliment that I can give. Amazing Hansvi, god bless you. You keep your mother's faith in you alive and I am sure she is proud whenever you come on stage to perform."

Talking about the choreography by Anuradha, Sonali shared, "I am a very scared dancer but I have always wanted to learn dance. I wish I was choreographed by you because the scene is so wonderfully choreographed." "This scene I wish I would have been able to do. A choreographer should understand the scene, and the story and choreograph the dance accordingly. I wish you choreograph me one day!" —IANS

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Lessons of life

Usually, students complain about question papers when the questions are out of syllabus. Now film makers have come up with a movie where they focus on the lessons that we learn in life, which are always out of syllabus. The title of the movie is, you guessed it, Out of Syllabus.

Actor Pradeep Doddaiah has written and directed the movie. The movie has recently gone on floors. A small peek into the character shows Achyuth Rao wearing the jersey of the Indian cricket team and speaking about ego. The movie will be released in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi in dubbed versions. The film is being produced under the banner Ad6 Entertainment and K Vijayakala Sudhakar is the producer. While Pradeep plays the male lead, Hrithika Srinivas is the female lead. —BMB

In their stars

Oscar-winning director Sebastian Lelio will direct Andrew Garfield and Daisy Edgar-Jones in upcoming film 'Voyagers'. The film revolves around the love story between astronomer and 'Contact' author Carl Sagan and documentary producer and director Ann Druyan.

The feature is produced by Ben Browning for Film Nation Entertainment, Lynda Obst, who guided 'Contact' to the big screen, and Druyan herself.

According to Variety, 'Voyagers' unfolds in 1977 as NASA prepared to launch humanity's first interstellar probes. A team led by Sagan sets out to create a message to accompany them, known as the Golden Record, which included music and images, for possible alien civilizations. Eventually love blossomed between the two.

FilmNation Entertainment paired Druyan, who married Sagan in 1981, with screenwriters Lelio and Jessica Goldberg. They then wrote the original screenplay based on interviews with Druyan and many others who worked on the Golden Record project. Sagan died in 1996.

"As a nine-year-old boy growing up during Chile's dictatorship, Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan's TV series 'Cosmos' had a profound impact on me, igniting my fascination with life's biggest questions and mysteries," Lelio said.

"It is a dream to make a movie about the Golden Record and, within it, the inspiring love story between Carl and Ann. I'm thrilled that Andrew Garfield and Daisy Edgar-Jones will be at the centre of this epic romance set against the infinite backdrop of space and time." —ANI

Easy, breezy

Easy and breezy outfits are perfect for the summer season. Bollywood actor Katrina Kaif also prefers wearing clothes that are not tight-fitted in summer.

On Saturday, she shared several images in which she is sporting an effortless look. She wore a blue shirt with white stripes.

For the glam, she opted for minimal makeup. In the images, she can also be seen flaunting her messy bun.

"Summer blues," she captioned the post.

Katrina's images have left netizens in awe.

"Naturally beautiful!" a social media user commented.

"So prettyyyy babe," another one wrote.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Katrina was last seen in the horror comedy film 'Phone Bhoot' alongside Siddhant Chaturvedi and Ishaan Khatter. The film failed to impress the audience at the box office. She will be next seen in the upcoming action-thriller film 'Tiger 3' opposite actor Salman Khan.The film is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Diwali 2023.

Apart from that, she also has director Sriram Raghavan's film 'Merry Christmas' opposite south actor Vijay Sethupathi and Farhan Akhtar's upcoming film 'Jee Le Zara' along with Alia Bhatt and Priyanka Chopra. The film promises to be another tale of friendship following the lineage of 'Dil Chahta Hai' and 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara'. —ANI